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SUBJECT: SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT BOYCOTTS EXPAND

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1. IN ADDITION TO SECONDARY-LEVEL PRIMARY TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOLS CITED REFTEL, ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS STUDENTS AT LIKE SCHOOLS IN BERGAMA, IZMIR PROVINCE (NOV. 12), ANTALYA (DATE UNKNOWN), DENIZLI (NOV. 7), AND MUGLA (NOV. 11 DIFFERENT SCHOOL THAN THAT CITED PARA 4, REFTEL) BEGAN BOYCOTTS OVER CHANGE IN TEACHERS CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. IN AYDIN, JUNIOR COLLEGE-LEVEL TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL BEGAN A BOYCOTT ON NOV. 13 IN SYMPATHY WITH LOCAL BOYCOTTING

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LYCEE STUDENTS.

2. AFTER THREE DAYS STUDENTS AT MUGLA SUSPENDED THEIR BOYCOTT "IN ORDER TO GIVE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AN OPPORTUNITY AND TIME" TO CONSIDER THEIR POSITION. GOVERNORS IN DENIZLI/MANISA AND USAK, FEARING BOYCOTTS WOULD LEAD TO DISORDERS AND POSSIBLE INJURY, ORDERED DISAFFECTED SCHOOLS CLOSED UNTIL NOV. 18 (DENIZLI), NOV. 24 (MANISA AND USAK).

3. NO NEW INCIDENTS INVOLVING STUDENT VIOLENCE IN IZMIR HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION. HOWEVER, PRESS

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ACCOUNTS OF INCIDENTS RELATING TO THE BOYCOTTS REPORTED

PARA 1 ABOVE INCLUDED NOV. 13 CLASH BETWEEN STUDENTS AND
POLICE AT DENIZLI, WITH FIVE STUDENTS INJURED; CONFRONTATION
AMONG RIGHT-WING YOUTHS AFFILIATED WITH ULKU OCAKLARI AND
BOYCOTTING STUDENTS AT ANTALYA NOV. 12 RESULTING IN 17
ARRESTS; POLICE ARRESTS NOV. 12 OF TWO ARMED RIGHTIST
"COMMANDOS" WHO HAD BEEN HARASSING BOYCOTTING STUDENTS AT
BERGAMA (PISTOL ARMED INDIVIDUAL WAS CHARGED AND KNIFE
CARRYING COHORT RELEASED; RIGHTIST STUDENT ARRESTED AT
USAK NOV. 11 (REFTEL) SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT;

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AND FIVE TEACHERS AT DENIZLI TRANSFERRED SUMMARILY FOR
ALLEGEDLY ENCOURAGING BOYCOTT AT THEIR SCHOOL.
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